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QUARTERLY

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Minnesota Library Ass'n

1891—1917

Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting
ST. PAUL PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 8-10, 1917

PROGRAM

Monday, October 8.

4:00 p. m. Registration.

6:30 p. m. Twenty-fifth anniversary dinner.

Joint session with Twin City Library Club.

Addresses by Dr. W. W. Folwell, Pres. M. L. Burton, Gratia A. Countryman.

Tuesday, October 9.

9:00 a. m. General session.

Historical preparedness.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society.

Libraries and the food campaign.

Harriet W. Sewall, Librarian, University Farm.

The county library movement.

3:00 p. m. Dedication of the Saint Paul Public Library.

8:00 p. m. War service meeting.

War literature of 1917.

Clara Fanning, Reference Dept., Minneapolis Public Library.

Address—Henry N. Sanborn, Secretary, Indiana Library Commission.

The soldier's reading.

Harold Sonntag, Educational Director, Y. M. C. A., No. 3, Fort Snelling.

Wednesday, October 10.

9:00 a. m. Business session.

Reports of committees.

Election of officers.

10:00 a. m. Automobile ride for visiting librarians.

MINNESOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Two features of the 1917 meeting of the Minnesota Library Association should insure an unusual interest and attendance. The dedication of the beautiful St. Paul library building and three branches and the twenty-fifth milestone in the history of the association. An appropriate program with an address by some speaker of note is being prepared for the dedication, and the building itself is worth a visit to St. Paul. While this is the twenty-fifth meeting of the association, it is actually 26 years since it was organized by a group of 8 or 10 librarians in the rooms of the Historical Society Library, in the old Capitol, on December 29, 1891. It is hoped that Dr. Folwell, the first president of the association will be able to preside at the anniversary dinner, and Mrs. Margaret Evans Huntington, Miss Countryman and others identified with the early history of the association will be present.

Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, the new president of the University, will be the speaker of the evening.

As at all meetings this year, War Library Service is the chief theme, and the exhibits and papers will emphasize the needs of the hour.

In connection with the discussion of county libraries, a moving-picture film loaned by the California State Library will be shown.

Membership. Every library in the state should be identified with the association either through the individual membership of its librarian, or membership as an institution. The association also needs more cordial support from library trustees. Membership fee, \$2.00 for institutions; \$1 for individuals. Annual dues thereafter, \$1 for institutions, 50c for individuals.

Exhibits. The Emergency War Lists with posters and books accompanying them will be on exhibition, also the Democrat Printing Co.'s new series of war posters.

The A. L. A. Binding Committee's exhibit has been requested.

Hotels

The **Frederick**, 5th and Cedar.

One person in a room without bath, \$1 to \$2.50.

Two persons in a room without bath, \$2 to \$3.50.

One person in a room with bath, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Two persons in a room with bath, \$2.50 to \$3.50.

The **Saint Paul**, St. Peter and 5th.

One person in a room with bath, \$2.50 and up.

Two persons in a room with bath, \$4.50 and up.

The **Ryan Hotel**, Robert and 6th.

One person in a room without bath, \$1.00.

Two persons in a room without bath, \$1.50.

One person in a room, toilet and lavatory, \$1.25.

Two persons in a room, toilet and lavatory, \$2.00.

One person in a room, private bath, \$1.50 and up.

Two persons in a room, private bath, \$2.50 and up.

Make reservations direct with the hotel.

Officers

President, A. D. Keator, Northfield.

Vice President, Mrs. D. S. Owen (née Ida May Ferguson), Minneapolis.

Secretary-Treasurer, Belle M. Owens, St. Paul.

Executive Committee, Frances Earhart, Duluth.

Chairman of local committee, Dr. W. Dawson Johnston, St. Paul.

LITERARY PUBLICITY

In Chicago, May 25, Library publicity was discussed at a joint meeting of librarians and advertising experts. One of the speakers at this conference, John B. Ratto, afterward visited Minnesota on a Chautauqua circuit. He visited libraries and held conferences with library boards in several towns, and brought some invigorating and helpful suggestions from his experience in visiting libraries.

Some of the points emphasized were:

To treat the library as a business and the public as possible customers.

To get in touch with people to improve their reading directly.

To index people in various industries and furnish books on their lines.

Have a contest among school children for new patrons.

News items should be specific; advertise some particular book.

Make hotel men responsible for books to be loaned to their guests.

Get behind the council to increase appropriations.

LIBRARIES FOR SOLDIERS

SOLDIERS' BOOK FUND CAMPAIGN WEEK SEPTEMBER 24-29.

A CALL TO SERVICE.

The U. S. War Department through its Commission on Training Camp Activities has laid upon the American Library Association the responsibility of providing libraries for the soldiers and sailors in camp, hospital or wherever they may be stationed.

The War Service Committee of the A. L. A. composed of seven leading librarians was appointed at Louisville. To co-operate with this committee, the Secretary of War appointed a Library War Council of ten nationally known men and women.

*WHY \$1,000,000 FOR LIBRARY WAR FUND?

Thousands of American troops are being made ready to go to France. In a few weeks our new army will be quartered in thirty-two cantonments and numerous training camps. Hundreds of thousands of vigorous, active, earnest Americans have been suddenly snatched from a life of civil liberty, and as suddenly plunged into a new life of military restraint without any of the pleasures or diversions of their former surroundings.

The cantonments and training camps are to a great extent isolated, and in nearly every instance they are far removed from the home states of the troops to be assembled. The Government will see that nothing is lacking in equipment and material to make the new soldiers efficient fighting men. But all of their time will not be required for training and drill. Some provision must be made for their hours of leisure.

In establishing these cantonments and training camps, the War Department has taken careful precaution to remove every dangerous influence common to military camps of the past. But this is not enough. The War Department recognized the danger which would arise from suddenly denying these young men practically every pleasure that had entered into their civil lives, and thus leaving them with nothing to fill in their leisure hours. Therefore, the United States Government asks those who stay at home to help make the life of these boys a little brighter by supplying the means to furnish them good books for their dull and lonesome periods.

According to the plans of the War Department, each camp or cantonment is to be a real city, the average population being 40,000 to 50,000 men. Provision has been made for postoffices, churches, office buildings, and

even banks. Only libraries are needed, and these the relatives and other friends of the soldiers are asked to provide.

Every Soldier and Sailor to Have Books

The field to be covered by the libraries embraces the widest range, including service for recruits, for men in training, for men being mobilized, for men in garrisons, for men in their rest periods while on the march, and even for the men at the front. The libraries will serve the crippled and maimed men returned from service, wounded soldiers, interned groups and prisoners of war, men awaiting the muster-out, sailors on shipboard, and sailors at the various naval stations. Not a man in any branch of Uncle Sam's war service must be neglected.

A careful survey of the entire field has determined that one dollar is the amount necessary for the purchase, maintenance and circulation of one book. One dollar, it is figured, will furnish a book, keep it in circulation until it is worn out, replace it when retired for physical disability, and all the time pay a share of the expense of properly housing and caring for these libraries in the various camps. One dollar apiece from the stay-at-homes will give to those who are fighting our battles a mite of the pleasure they crave, relieve the pangs of homesickness and lonesomeness, keep them in touch with the life they have vacated, and bring to them inspiration and encouragement.

Will \$1,000,000 Be Enough?

A million dollars will provide for this great work—less than a dollar for each soldier and sailor in the service. This money will be expended for books, equipment and service as follows:

Books: There must be provided at once 350,000 books to start work in the largest cantonments. This initial collection will be

*From September War Library Bulletin.

supplemented and enlarged as fast as the books can be handled. Collections must be sent to camps, hospitals, and wherever else soldiers and sailors are stationed. Funds must be available to permit duplication and replacement necessary to keep each library at a high state of efficiency. Librarians know what it will mean to supply books to one million eager readers scattered throughout the United States and France.

Equipment: Each of these libraries must be equipped with tables, chairs, and book-cases in order that the reading rooms for the soldiers may be comfortable and attractive.

Service: If a good librarian is necessary to make a library effective under ordinary conditions, he will be many times more necessary under the demands of the men and boys at the cantonments. The very best men in the library profession are needed for this service. When it comes to consideration of our soldiers and sailors it is not what a service costs, but what the best is worth, that counts. In view of the great service to be rendered, the question is not "What are we going to do with so much money?" but rather, as one eminent librarian asked, "Will a million dollars be enough to enable this program to be carried out in the broad way which the present opportunity for service demands?"

Co-operation

The Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus and Y. M. H. A. have been soliciting books and will continue to do so, but a comprehensive plan for co-ordination has been worked out so there may be no duplication of effort.

The work undertaken by the A. L. A. has the approval not only of the War Department but of the American Red Cross and all other agencies conducting recreational and welfare work at the camps.

Organization Perfected

With an enthusiasm seldom seen at any meeting of this character, members of the American Library Association from twenty states met at a national conference in Washington on Tuesday, August 14. Those present were members of the War Service and War Finance Committees, and of the Executive Board, together with librarians and trustees pledged to leadership in the War Fund Campaign.

The conference was called for the purpose of furthering plans whereby the American Library Association may meet the responsibility placed upon it by the War Department through the Commission on Training Camp Activities. This responsibility consists in co-ordinating the activities of all organizations engaged in furnishing books for soldiers and sailors in cantonments and encampments.

It was seen several weeks ago by the War Finance Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Frank P. Hill, that \$1,000,000 will be required to finance the work of co-ordination, to establish and operate libraries in the cantonments and larger encampments, and to provide branch libraries for all other places where soldiers and sailors will be assembled. At the conference plans for raising this fund and for carrying out the work were outlined in detail, and the entire plan was officially approved and heartily endorsed by the Executive Board, by the General Committee, and by the conference.

The Plan

The details of the plan are thoroughly worked out in the September War Library Bulletin and may be adapted to special conditions in every community. The importance of publicity cannot be over-emphasized, and every library should advertise the campaign through the newspapers and by posters in the library.

Printed matter and blanks for use in the campaign will be furnished by the national headquarters.

Read The War Library Bulletin

The War Library Bulletin which began publication in August is being sent to all libraries in the state and to the presidents of library boards, so far as their names could be furnished. It is full of inspiration, and it is hoped that every librarian and every library board member is reading it carefully. The September number just received outlines the campaign in detail and furnishes the ammunition necessary for waging it successfully. There will be a special issue of the bulletin September 18th, and the October number will contain full returns of the campaign, announcement of the probable time of completion of camp buildings and assignments of the first librarians to hold camp posts.

HOW THE MILLION-DOLLAR FUND WILL BE RAISED

This million dollar war fund will be raised, not through large subscriptions on the part of a few people, but by every man and woman in every community in the United States doing his or her part under the leadership of the local libraries. A goal of \$1,000,000 manifestly is easy of achievement when each city subscribes an amount equivalent to 5 per cent of its population. Thus, in a city of 10,000 population \$500 would be raised for the Library War Service Fund, a simple task under the leadership of the librarian and trustees.

The trustees of the local library, with ten other prominent men and women, will be appointed by the president of the trustees to serve as a local War Council. This War Council will direct the campaign in the city or town, appoint such officers as may be necessary, and be accountable to the Library War Finance Committee at Washington for all funds collected.

There will be prepared at once by the local campaign director a complete list of prospective contributors and workers who will be ready to assist in the campaign. From this list the president of the local War Council will appoint ten keymen and women. Each of this group of ten will act as chairman of a conference of ten other men and women, to be held at their respective homes or other convenient places on Thursday, September 20. Each one in attendance at these conferences will contribute one dollar or more for the Soldiers' Book Fund, and agree to secure, if needed, ten additional workers, or, at least, ten contributions of one dollar or more for the fund.

Minnesota's Part

Following the meeting in Washington, Anne Bancroft Coushaine, a Red Cross organizer, was sent out to inaugurate the campaign in the Northwestern section, including Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. Gratia A. Countryman of the Minneapolis Public Library, is Division Director for this section and Clara F. Baldwin, Director of the Library Commission, is state director for Minnesota, with Frances E. Earhart, librarian of Duluth, as associate for Northern Minnesota.

A chairman has been appointed in every county to organize the work as outlined above. The generous and ready response to this call for service has been gratifying and shows that Minnesota librarians are all ready to do their bit.

The State Chairman is keeping in close touch with the County Chairmen and is ready to advise by letter, and whenever possible attend local conferences. The quota to be raised has been assigned to each county on the basis of 5 per cent of the population in cities and towns, which makes the entire quota for the state about \$50,000.

In addition to securing subscriptions from individuals and organizations, the libraries should give as institutions.

In Indiana, the Library Commission is asking each library to donate from its book fund \$5 for every \$1,000 of annual income. This is only one-half of one per cent, a small amount for the institution to give to the nation, and is a reasonable service on consideration that every library has some of its patrons in the ranks.

Every librarian, whose salary warrants it, should join the "Dollar-a-Month Club" and make an individual money gift for this work. Send subscriptions to Dr. Frank P. Hill, Chairman, Finance Committee, 26 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

This is our work as librarians, and the reputation of American public libraries is at stake. If we make a success of the campaign, we will not only be rendering a direct service to our men at the front and thus to our country, but our public libraries will gain prestige and be recognized as never before. The present crisis calls for devoted and continuous effort and self-sacrifice, and we as librarians must meet this demand for the honor of our profession.

PRESIDENT VINCENT'S ENDORSEMENT

British experience affords convincing proof of the vital need for books and periodicals for soldiers and sailors. United States ought to have unified, well organized plan carried out on a large scale. The American Library Association is the appropriate agency to be entrusted with the task.

GEORGE E. VINCENT,
President Rockefeller Foundation.

BOOKS FOR CAMP LIBRARIES

The appeal for books was sent out by the A. L. A. Committee early in August and many of the libraries have responded generously.

The Minneapolis Public Library has collected nearly 3,000 books, the St. Paul library 1,000, and the Commission has about 1,000 volumes to be sent from the traveling libraries. Reports received from libraries outside the large cities total nearly 2,000 volumes.

Many librarians say, "Books are coming in slowly, but many people are away. We can surely get more later. Shall we keep on collecting?" More books will be asked for later, but for the present it is suggested that the activities connected with book collection be suspended until after the termination of the week set aside for the collection of funds.

Directions for shipping were given in the September War Library Bulletin, in which it will be noted that the Chicago Public Library is the shipping point for Minnesota. Notices have been sent by the Commission to all libraries which have reported, directing them to ship to Chicago, or in case only a small number of books was ready, to send to the Commission. Freight must be prepaid. If the local library does not feel able to bear this financial burden, the freight receipts should be preserved and forwarded to M. S. Dudgeon, Public Library, Washington, D. C.

The latest authoritative direction is that no magazines over three months old, except picture and joke magazines, be shipped. All others can be sold and proceeds sent to M. S. Dudgeon, Public Library, Washington, D. C., for the purchase of new magazines.

All librarians in the state are asked to report the number of books collected to the Commission, so that a complete record of Minnesota's contribution may be kept.

In response to a telegram from Mr. Dudgeon, asking for 5,000 books to be sent direct to Camp Cody at Deming, N. M., the books collected by the libraries of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the Library Commission were started to this camp the first week in September.

WHAT OUR LIBRARIES ARE DOING

In response to a circular letter sent out by the Commission early in August, suggesting the library's part in war service, reports have been received showing that librarians are all eager to serve to the limit of their resources.

The book campaign was well advertised by means of the posters, book slips, and movie slides as well as in the newspapers and the churches. Many of the smallest libraries made an excellent showing and there is no doubt that Minnesota will furnish her full quota of books.

An urgent appeal came from headquarters to the Commission to look after the small units of men who are on guard throughout the state. It was, however, impossible to obtain a list of such men, though reports show that the local libraries were not neglecting this opportunity for service.

Extracts from letters received indicate some ways in which librarians have responded to this call:

Chisholm. The library has become a clearing house for tried recipes for cooking and preservation of food that are economical. These are typed and passed on to others.

A canning demonstration was given at the library, by Miss Cordiner of the University Extension Division, under the auspices of the local Women's Conservation League.

A group of little girls is meeting at the library to knit wristlets for the Red Cross under Miss Radford's direction.

Eveleth. Our own company of soldiers is making use of our library in a most gratifying way. Our men's reading room has been converted into a writing room and presents a busy appearance much of the time. Stationery and other writing material is furnished by the library. Our books and stereographs are also popular with the soldiers.

Fergus Falls. We have given the Red Cross the use of the Auditorium with heat and light free as long as the war lasts. Our flag flies every day, and we have war books and magazines galore.

Hibbing. We put a notice up in our Pine Street Reading Room and have had a ready response from the men who visit the room. They seem to be delighted to think here was something they could do and that they knew just the kind of stuff the "boys" wanted,

something "decent but not too highbrow," so they have given us hundreds of Red Books, Topnotches, All-story, etc. We have of course taken whatever came, but if the distributing committees are going to discard that class of reading we will sell it for old paper here.

Olivia. We collected 102 books in Olivia and sent them with our Co. H, 3rd Minn. Infantry to Deming, N. M. The soldiers used the library while in camp here, and many magazines were sent down to their quarters.

Ortonville. We have been at work for a week advertising the need for books and magazines for the soldiers. I have made slips for use at the stores, library and Red Cross rooms by the use of a mimeograph. The pastor and newspaper have made announcements and one of our boys who does nice work made posters for us for nothing. We have had posters up giving a list of our war material, or rather books on the world condition, for some time. We have a table given up to recipes for war bread, and bulletins on canning, etc.

Owatonna. There are about one hundred and fifty soldiers stationed here for the present. We have issued temporary library cards to thirty-four of these, and many others take advantage of the reading room during rest hours. About one-third of the whole are home boys and have used the library previously and are still doing so.

St. Cloud. A full list of patriotic books was published in the papers. The soldiers stationed there used the library in considerable numbers.

Stillwater. Our boys have gone to New Mexico, but while they were here we supplied them with a reading room in the high school where they were quartered. We sent some magazines and books with them, and are going to send more. We sent them a good many while they were at the border last year, and the Captain said that they supplied reading matter to the whole regiment, and were very popular.

Winnebago. We have no soldiers stationed near here but we have sent eighty of our boys as volunteers, besides those drafted. Practically all who have gone were library patrons and I am sure would appreciate camp libraries.

Winona. A young ladies' league called The Collegiate Periodical League, are canvassing the town for books. These are sent to the library which has agreed to ship and pay freight charges. We have also turned over the lecture room to the Red Cross work. We have sent books and magazines to the camps located here and given the soldiers extra privileges in the use of the library.

Volunteer Service

In response to the call for volunteer service, Mr. R. L. Walkley, Assistant Librarian, Minneapolis, has volunteered for service in one of the camp libraries.

James T. Gerould, librarian of the State University, is field chairman of the Red Cross in Minnesota and has devoted his entire time to this work during the summer.

Miss Jordan of the Minneapolis Public Library, Miss Harriet Levin, Aurora and Miss Alta M. Cummings, Blue Earth, offered their services during vacation in sorting books at the state or regional library.

Miss Miriam E. Carey, librarian of the Board of Control spent her entire vacation working for the Red Cross and assisting the Commission in its advertising campaign for war libraries at the State Fair.

WAR SERVICE LIBRARY WEEK

A preliminary announcement of plans for War Service Library Week has been issued by a subcommittee of the War Service Committee, of which Carl H. Milam, Birmingham, Ala., is chairman, working under the direct supervision of Dr. A. E. Bostwick, St. Louis, of the War Service Committee.

Plans for this week are now held in abeyance until after the Camp Library Week, September 24-30, on which all energies are now being expended.

The purpose of War Service Library Week will be to show the value of library service as an aid in food production and conservation, military and naval training and other economic, business and industrial questions made prominent by the war.

Watch for later announcements, and be prepared to observe this week of publicity for your own library.

*AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Louisville Conference, June 21-27, 1917

The Louisville Conference of 1917 is reported enthusiastically by all who attended as one of the most successful in the history of the Association. The attendance, probably exceeding 750, was larger than was expected, and the conference was well organized and satisfactory as to program and entertainment. Naturally the war superceded all other interests, and the report of the War Service Committee given by Dr. Putnam inspired enthusiasm and a new library spirit which has resulted in the thoroughly organized auxiliaries of the Government, in which all librarians throughout the country are asked to have a share.

The social features of the conference were of unusual interest, particularly the evening of readings and music tendered by literary and artistic Louisville. Readings by Alice Hegan Rice, Mrs. George Madden Martin, Cale Young Rice, and a charming defense of her books for girls by Mrs. Annie Fellows Johnston were cordially enjoyed.

The official exhibits were particularly interesting and well timed, including posters showing possibilities of library publicity, a model business library, and "What Tommy Atkins reads," collected and sent to the conference by Theodore W. Koch, of the Library of Congress, who has been in London for several months.

Minnesota was represented at the conference by a delegation of 16 from the Minneapolis Public Library including Misses Countryman, Martin, Seely, Jordan, Hutchinson, Starr, Fanning, Clinton, Peck, Matson, Brown, Wightman, Powell and Grout, and Messrs. Walkley and Yale.

Others from Minnesota who attended were, Dr. Johnston of St. Paul, Mr. Keator of Northfield, Miss Stafford of Hibbing, Miss Earhart of Duluth.

Miss Earhart was elected a member of the Council for a term of five years.

Officers for the coming year are:

President—Thomas L. Montgomery, librarian State Library, Harrisburg, Pa.

First Vice President—Judson T. Jennings, librarian Public Library, Seattle, Wash.

Second Vice President—Linda A. Eastman, vice librarian Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

*From Library Journal, August, 1917.

EMERGENCY WAR LISTS

Under the general editorship of Lloyd W. Josselyn of the Committee on War Service Library Week, a series of Emergency War Lists is being compiled and published in book-mark form by Gaylord Bros., Syracuse, N. Y., at the following prices:

Less than 1,000, express paid... \$0.30 per 100
1,000 to 3,000, express paid... 2.60 per 1,000
3,000 to 6,000, express paid... 2.50 per 1,000
6,000 to 10,000, express paid... 2.40 per 1,000
10,000 and over, express paid... 2.30 per 1,000

Prices are based upon the total quantity sent at one time, assorted as desired. Not less than 100 of a number sold.

The lists will cover the following subjects:

- No. 1. Tales From the Trenches.
- No. 2. Uncle Sam's Navy.
- No. 3. Books on War Time Thrift.
- No. 4. Books for War Gardeners.
- No. 5. Red Cross Work.
- No. 6. Why We Are at War.
- No. 7. War Poems.
- No. 8. Keeping Fit in War Time.
- No. 9. Explosives, Guns and Shells.
- No. 10. War Manuals.
- No. 11. Conservation of Business Effort.
 - (a) In production.
 - (b) In marketing.
- No. 12. Food Values.
- No. 13. War-time Transportation.
- No. 14. War-time Economy in the Home.
- No. 15. Women and the War.
- No. 16. Ship Building.
- No. 17. Aviation and Submarines.
- No. 18. Beekeeping.
- No. 19. Canning and Storage of Food Stuffs.
- No. 20. Poultry Raising.
- No. 21. Social Service in War Times.
- No. 22. Foreign Trade Expansion.
- No. 23. Courage.
- No. 24. War and the School.
- No. 25. Russia—Our Ally Republic.

The Commission has a supply of the lists and will send a sample of each with the next number of the A. L. A. Book list. An exhibit of the lists with the posters and books accompanying them will be made at the M. L. A. meeting.

WANTED

The Minnesotan, January, 1917.

Minnesota Public Library Commission,

St. Paul, Minn.

SUMMER LIBRARY SCHOOL, 1917

There were 44 students in the Library course at Summer School, of whom 10 were librarians or assistants in public libraries and 34 were preparing for work in school libraries.

The instruction in cataloging and classification was given by Miss Alma Penrose, librarian of West High School, Minneapolis, with Miss Haven, the Commission organizer and Miss Clara Bryan, of the St. Paul Public Library as revisers. Miss Martha Wilson, Supervisor of School Libraries, gave the lectures in reference work, children's work, book selection and administration of school libraries, and Miss Baldwin gave lectures in book selection and administration to the public library section. Miss Haven gave the instruction in order, mechanical preparation and accessioning. Miss Florence Curtis of the Illinois Library School, who had just received her master's degree at the University after a year's study, gave an interesting talk to the class on "Why I am a librarian," setting forth in a convincing way the opportunities and compensations of the library profession. A new feature this year was an exhibit showing the purpose and scope of the course and the work of the students. In connection with this, an exhibit made at the Pratt Institute Library School, was loaned through the courtesy of Miss Rathbone. Many school superintendents throughout the state, who were taking Dean Coffman's lectures at the Summer School attended the exhibit.

The usual visits were conducted by the directors to the Waldorf Bindery, the Minneapolis library and several of its branches, and to the St. Louis Park School and Public Library. At the Minneapolis library, Miss Countryman talked on the A. L. A. meeting at Louisville and the plans for War Library Service.

A large majority of the class attended the two-weeks course in food conservation which was given in the College of Education building.

Summer School Class, 1917

Ethel A. Ackerman, Libn. H. S., Warren.
Ethel F. Boobar, Libn. H. S., Wadena.
Frances H. Brossard, Libn. H. S., Chaska.
Ethel M. Bullock, Libn. H. S., Buffalo.

Tanye Burgess, Libn. H. S., Austin.
Margaret A. Cant, Libn. H. S., Madelia.
Edna Carr, Libn. H. S., Wabasha.
Merle Chapman, Libn. H. S., Mound.
Edna M. Cottrell, Libn. H. S., Ivanhoe.
Doris Curran, Libn. H. S., Mankato.
Gladys Ecklund, Asst. Libn. P. L., St. Peter.
Lillian H. Gebhard, Libn. H. S., Fertile.
Mrs. Grace Goodsell, Asst. Libn. Normal, Moorhead.
Anne O. Gould, Libn. H. S., Olivia.
Miriam Greaves, Libn. H. S., Marshall.
Edna E. Healy, Libn. H. S., Norwood.
Clara Hornbogen, Libn. P. L., Wabasha.
Mrs. Clara T. Jones, Libn. P. L., Brainerd.
Greta C. Lagro, Libn. H. S., Mora.
C. E. Loken, Libn. H. S., Kerkhoven.
Margaret Newsome, Libn. H. S., South St. Paul.
Signa Niemi, Asst. Libn. P. L., Eveleth.
Eleanor Olds, Libn. H. S., Dawson.
Margaret Pierce, Libn. H. S., Deer River.
Flora Remington, Libn. H. S., International Falls.
Dorothy Ribenack, Libn. West Duluth Branch.
Zora T. Robinson, Libn. H. S., Howard Lake.
Adeline Rosebrock, Libn. H. S., Sauk Rapids.
Olive V. Seibert, Libn. H. S., New Richland.
Mabel M. Sell, Libn. H. S., Aitkin.
Lillian L. Skinner, Libn. H. S., Lake Benton.
Sue L. Sprague, Libn. P. L., Mapleton.
Ruth Stephens, Libn. H. S., Mabel.
Catherine Stevens, Libn. H. S., Elmore.
Jean P. Stewart, Libn. P. L., Wadena.
Helen A. Stratte, Libn. P. L., Dawson.
Grace I. Taylor, Libn. H. S., Excelsior.
Marie Tolzman, Libn. P. L., Redwood Falls.
Ruth F. Tupper, Libn. H. S., Little Falls.
Blanche M. Vinton, Asst. Libn. Normal, Mankato.
Helen C. Wade, Libn. H. S., Detroit.
Ellen Wells, Libn. H. S. and P. L., St. Louis Park.
Eleanor Widell, Asst. Libn. P. L., Mankato.
Blanche M. Young, Libn. H. S., Perham.

MINNESOTA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis, October 31-November 3, 1917
Division of Public School Librarians

An excellent program is announced for the meeting of Public School Librarians at the M. E. A. in Minneapolis, November 1st and 2nd. Martha Wilson, the president of this division, will return to Minnesota for this meeting, and she has been most fortunate in securing as chief speaker, Mary E. Hall, librarian of the Girls' High School, Brooklyn. Miss Hall is the foremost High School librarian in the country and has been a leader in co-operation between library and school. Her library is well known as a model in this branch of library service, and she is full of inspiration as a speaker.

Among other speakers of note on the general program are Pres. Marion LeRoy Burton of the University, Jeanette Rankin, member of Congress from Montana; Dr. J. Paul Goode, of the University of Chicago and Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell College.

Program

Thursday, Nov. 1st, 1917, 2:30 p. m.

The modern high school library, Mary E. Hall, Girls' High School, Brooklyn.

The library and the teaching of history.
Library service as affected by equipment,

Alma Penrose, West High School, Minneapolis.

Thursday, Nov. 1st, 1917, 6:30 p. m.

Dinner, Mary E. Hall, chief speaker.

Reunion of Summer School Teacher-librarians.

Friday, Nov. 2, 1917, 9 a. m.

Humanizing outside reading.

How I introduce my books (5 minutes each). (Each speaker to take one book).

By Teacher-librarians.

The attractive element in mediocre books,
Ruth Ely, Normal School, Duluth.

Report of Committee on Library Instruction.

Library instruction in the grades.

Discussion.

Round tables, High school, Normal school.
Officers:

President—Martha Wilson, State Supervisor School Libraries, St. Paul.

Vice President—Ruth Ely, Librarian, State Normal School, Duluth.

Secretary—Bessie Scripture, Librarian, East High School, Minneapolis.

Exhibit Committee:

Elsa Barquist, South High School, Minneapolis, chairman.

Della McGregor, Public Library, St. Paul.
Bessie Scripture, East High School, Minneapolis.

Committee on Library Instruction:

Martha Wilson, State Supervisor School Libraries.

Alfred D. Keator, Carleton College, Northfield.

Alberta Ackerman, Northfield.

Margaret Mahoney, Longfellow school, St. Paul.

Exhibits:

Library furniture and equipment.

Attractive editions for high school use.

Scrap books of libraries.

Library posters.

Lists and aids.

LIBRARIES AND THE FOOD CAMPAIGN

Miss C. R. Barnett, Librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture, who is Chairman of the Food Information Committee of the War Service Committee, has sent out a circular letter suggesting ways in which libraries can be of service in the food campaign, and how to obtain material.

It is hoped that every library has responded to this appeal and secured the display posters issued by the Department of Agriculture, the special Farmers' Bulletins, 807, 808, 817, 824, 839, 841, 853 and 871, and the Food Thrift Series. As clearly pointed out by Miss Barnett, the material must be well advertised and made available in convenient form.

Be sure that your library is on the mailing list for the state and federal publications.

TRAVELING LIBRARY FOR THE FIRST MINNESOTA

George F. Orde, vice president of the Scandinavian American National Bank, Minneapolis, has collected a library of about 1,000 volumes for the First Minnesota Infantry. A traveling bookcase has been made to hold the books by the J. R. Clark Box Co. of Minneapolis. This is designed to go along with the regiment together with the tent, automobile and trailer and motion picture outfit, presented by the Rotary Clubs of the Twin Cities, all under the supervision of Capt. L. R. S. Ferguson, the regimental chaplain.

CLASS POÉM.

By RUTH FARRINGTON TUPPER.
With apologies to Riley's "Orphant Annie."
Forty-Four librarians came to this school to
learn,
To classify an' catalog an' just what book to
spurn,
An' how to make accession books and other
records neat,
An' when to make a subject card and many
another feat.
An' all those new librarians, when half-past
nine did come,
They'd get out their little card trays, an' then
how things would hum!
As they rushed away to get their books an'
learn what they're about
Cause the red ink will get you
If you
don't
watch out!

Once there was a librarian who didn't trace a
card,
She didn't make a shelf-list, 'cause she said it
was too hard.
She bought "The Book of Knowledge" an'
"Pollyanna" too
She forgot her centimeter space, an' what's
still worse but true—
She wrote on a main entry card for Edgar
Allan Poe
Just Poe, E. A., an' when that card came back
to her, you know.
Its hue would put the blushing crimson's fire
to rout—
An' the red ink will get you
If you
don't
watch out!

And there were more librarians whose sins
were just as bad.
Some even made out reference cards to books
they'd never had!
They dared to enter titles, think, right at the
first indentation!
To the D. C. rules and A. L. A. they'd never
pay attention.
The famous decimal system they even tried
to change
To vulgar, common fractions—sad truths, yes,
sad and strange!
And so this motto we suggest to pilot you
about:
The red ink will get you
If you
don't
watch out!

SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTES

The list of Library Books for High
Schools compiled by Martha Wilson is in
the hands of the U. S. Bureau of Education,
and will be issued as a Bureau publication
during the coming school year.

A pamphlet on School Library Management,
by Martha Wilson deals with the
problem of the library in the school and
offers practical suggestions as to its equipment,
organization and administration.

It covers in considerable detail, the routine
of organization, with specific instructions
as to classification, accessioning,
charging systems, shelf-listing and simple
cataloging.

A limited edition has been issued, and a
few copies are in the hands of the Library
Commission for distribution.

An outline for instruction in the use of
books and libraries for Normal students has
been completed by Miss Wilson, and printed
in multigraph sheets for distribution to
Normal Training teachers. Librarians may
secure copies upon application to the Li-
brary Commission.

The course is designed to give ideas of
library work for use in country schools and
the chief stress is laid upon book valuation
and actual reading of good books with sim-
ple methods of putting a country school li-
brary into condition to be used.

The model school library and reference
collection of pamphlets and aids collected
by Miss Wilson will be kept in the Teachers'
reference room at the St. Paul Public Li-
brary, where it will be accessible to all li-
brarians.

At the conference on rural education held
at the University Farm, August 29-31, under
the auspices of the U. S. Bureau of Educa-
tion, Miss Wilson gave a talk on Consoli-
dated schools as library extension centers.
She outlined the essentials as a suitable
room, with adequate equipment, well se-
lected books, kept in order for use, and
urged the extension of its use to people of
the community, becoming a branch of the
County library system, and using the state
resources in traveling libraries.

LIBRARY EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

The Commission exhibit at the State Fair
this year made a special feature of the War
Service work, including Emergency War
Lists and the books accompanying them,
some of the Farmers' bulletins, and posters
advertising the war library campaign.

The Farmers' library and a traveling li-
brary for children were displayed in the
Agricultural Hall with the exhibit of the
University Farm library and publication de-
partment.

The War Service books with additional
material will also be shown at the State
Conference of Charities and Corrections, in
Owatonna, September 29-October 1, and at
the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs,
in Mankato, October 2-4.

The War Library campaign was adver-
tised at the State Fair by the posters which

were distributed throughout the grounds, in connection with the general traveling library exhibit, and in a small booth in the Woman's Building. Miss Carey of the Board of Control, Miss Fanning of the Minneapolis Public Library, Miss Griffin of the St. Paul Public Library and Misses Kimball and Turney of the Historical Library staff assisted in caring for this booth. Subscription cards were distributed and considerable interest shown. One young officer said he was glad there were going to be libraries as he was studying for his master's degree and hoped to continue.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

Twenty duplicate sets of a new general 50 vol. traveling library are now ready for circulation.

The subject chosen by the High School Debating League for the coming year is:

Resolved: That the several states should establish schedules of minimum wages for unskilled labor. Constitutionality granted.

The best handbook on the subject is, "Minimum Wage;" published by the H. W. Wilson Co.

Package libraries are being prepared by the Commission to be loaned to libraries and schools.

Eighty-two study club libraries have been sent out. Although many clubs are devoting all their energies to Red Cross work and have given up their study programs, requests are still being received.

The Commission is making a special effort to secure all reliable material on the war, the countries at war, food conservation and Red Cross work, and will send out this material in connection with regular traveling libraries, or as special loans.

The National Board for Historical Service will award prizes for the best essays by grade and high school teachers on, "Why the United States is at War." Following are a few books and pamphlets for reference on the subject:

"Facts about the war" issued by the Minnesota Public Safety Commission, free.

Wilson, Woodrow. "Why we are at war."

"How the war came to America," issued by the Committee of Public Information, free.

"Why we are at war," No. 6 Emergency war list published by Gaylord Bros., Syracuse, New York.

PERSONAL

Martha Wilson, State Supervisor of School Libraries, has been given leave of absence for a year to take charge of the Woodland Branch, Cleveland Public Library. Miss Wilson has been a strong factor in library work in Minnesota for the past ten years, in her work for the Library Commission and in building up the school libraries for the Department of Education. Under her supervision, a new standard of selection, equipment and service has been set for school libraries, and it is fortunate that her absence is only temporary.

Miss Ruth A. Haven, who has been organizer for the Library Commission for the past four years, will resign her position October 1st in order to be with her parents in Chatfield. Miss Haven's efficient and helpful services are well known to the librarians whom she has assisted, and it is hoped that she may still be available for special work as needed.

Donald B. Gilchrist, formerly in charge of the loan desk in the University Library, has received a commission as captain in the Field Artillery, U. S. Reserve.

Miss Harriet Audiene Graham, librarian of Owatonna, has resigned to accept a position as librarian in the technical library of Scovell, Wellington Co. in Boston.

Miss Enid Stafford, who has been an assistant in the Hibbing Public Library, has been appointed librarian at Buhl.

Many changes have occurred on the staff of the Minneapolis Public Library during the summer.

Miss Lura Hutchinson, Librarian of the North Branch, will be in charge of the Training Class which begins October 1.

Miss Adra Fay, of the Central Circulation Department, will succeed Miss Hutchinson at the North Branch.

Mrs. Adah Durand Chidlow, formerly Librarian of the Grand Forks Public Library, has been appointed to the Central Circulation Department to succeed Miss Fay.

Miss Margaret Carmichael, of the Carnegie Library School of Pittsburgh, has been appointed children's librarian at the Pillsbury Branch to succeed Miss Louise Grant, who has resigned to accept a position in Akron, Ohio.

Miss Hortense W. Stetler, of the Public Library of Mason City, Iowa, has been appointed assistant in the Sumner Branch.

Miss Sophia Hall has been appointed assistant at the North Branch in place of Miss Helen Harris, resigned. Miss Hall is a graduate of the Wisconsin Library School, 1916, and has been Assistant Librarian in the State Normal School, Platteville, Wis., for the past year.

Miss Ruth Willard, of the Thirty-sixth Street Branch, has resigned her position to become instructor in the Western Reserve Library School.

Miss Mary E. Hammond has taken a position in the Children's Department at the Central Library.

Miss Josephine E. Risser, of the Wisconsin Library School, 1917, has been appointed assistant in the Lyndale Branch.

Miss Ida May Ferguson has resigned her position as children's librarian because of her marriage to Lieut. D. S. Owen, of the United States Reserve.

Miss Ethel Jameson left July first to return to New York, where she has taken a position in the Science Division of the Public Library.

Miss Mary Nichols has left the Pillsbury Branch to take charge of the Alice Branch of the Hibbing Public Library.

The following appointments have been made from the Training Class:

Miss Marabeth Hobbs, assistant, Technical Department.

Miss Eleanor Lovell, assistant, Catalog Department.

Miss Dorothy McCarthy, assistant, Children's Department.

Miss Jeannette Welch, assistant, Pillsbury Branch.

Miss Hester Camp, assistant, Circulation Department.

Mr. Charles Yale, branch librarian, Dunwoody Library.

Miss Merry Greenwald, assistant, Central Avenue Branch.

With the opening of the new library buildings the following additions and transfers have been made in the St. Paul library staff: in the Accessions division Mrs. J. T. Jennings has been appointed Chief of the Catalogue division, with charge of the Apprentice class. Mrs. Jennings was for ten years head cataloguer at Cornell University and recently reference librarian at the Iowa College of Agriculture and instructor in the Riverside, California, library school.

In the Readers' service Miss Jeanne Griffin, formerly of the Duluth and Detroit public libraries, has been appointed first assistant reference librarian in charge of the Civics division, Miss Winifred Gregory, Librarian of the University of Minnesota school of mines, in charge of the technology division, and Miss Edah Burnett, in charge of the fine arts room.

Miss Nouart Tashjian has been given the task of organizing the service to foreigners, and Miss Maud Mitchell, formerly of the Minneapolis Public Library has been made assistant in the Children's room.

In the branch libraries Miss Myra Buell has been appointed librarian of the St. Anthony Park branch, Miss Mabel Clark, of the University of West Virginia Library, librarian of the Arlington Hills branch, and Miss Dorothy Rogers, of the Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, library, librarian of the West Side branch.

Miss Edith Grannis, formerly librarian of the school library at Buhl, has been appointed librarian of the St. Cloud Normal School, to succeed Ottillie Liedloff, who resigned to be at her home in Mankato.

Miss Margaret Fletcher, formerly librarian at St. Louis Park, will be in charge of the school library at Buhl.

Miss Clara Marsch, for the past year librarian at Wabasha, has resigned her position to enter the University. Miss Clara Hornbogen, who attended the Summer School, succeeded her September 1st.

Miss Alice Story, assistant librarian at Virginia, has resigned to accept a position as librarian at Huron, S. D. Her place has been filled by Miss Anna E. Peterson, Western Reserve Library School, who has been reference assistant in University of Iowa library, Iowa City, Iowa.

Miss Mary R. Radford, librarian of Muskogee, Okla., is spending several months on leave of absence, as a general assistant and cataloger in the Chisholm Public Library.

Miss Ruth McIlvaine, formerly librarian at Nashwaik, who has spent the past year studying design in Chicago, has taken a position as librarian of a school branch in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Miss Ada M. Nelson, cataloger, Grinnell College Library, Grinnell, Iowa, has been appointed assistant in the Catalog Department of the Minnesota Historical Society Library.

Members of the Summer School class of 1913 will regret to learn of the death of Miss Fannie Taylor, librarian of the High School Library, Sioux Falls, S. D., which occurred while at her work, June 14.

Miss Gertrude Ellison, assistant in the reference department, Duluth Public Library, since her graduation from the Wisconsin Library School in 1916, died June 16th after an illness of several weeks.

NEWS OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

(Items of news for this column are solicited from all libraries in the state. They should be sent to the Secretary of the Commission by the 15th of the month preceding each issue of the bulletin, which appears quarterly in March, June, September and December.)

Buhl. The new public library building is in process of erection, and promises to be up to the standard of other Range libraries. Miss Enid Stafford, who has been appointed librarian by the council, is now at work selecting and purchasing the books and will organize the collection so that the building may be open as soon as completed.

Chisholm. A child welfare institute was held at the library early in June, through the co-operation of the librarian and the school physician. About 750 persons attended, and the gospel of "Better Babies" was spread through literature in Finnish, Slovenian and Italian languages. There were movies and demonstrations, with talks in several languages, and the fine exhibit from the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality was secured.

Cloquet. Plans have been completed for an addition to the library costing \$3,000, and work will begin as soon as bids are received.

Duluth. The new Lincoln Branch of the Public Library in the West End was dedicated August 29th. The main floor was packed to its fullest capacity, and many people stood on the steps and walk. Mayor Magney presided, and there were short addresses by Rev. C. O. Bengston, Rev. H. J. Glenn, ex-Mayor Prince, Miss Earhart and Miss Baldwin of the Library Commission, in addition to an excellent musical program. Coffee and cake were served in the basement after the exercises.

The building, which is of English Gothic design, is very attractive and well equipped. On the main floor are the reading rooms, children's story-hour room and librarian's office with kitchenette, and the basement contains a large community room with smaller club room, and kitchen.

The building is planned to be used as a community center and is already the headquarters of the West End Red Cross.

Eveleth. As a result of Baby Welfare Week, a permanent baby clinic has been maintained in the library club room through the summer.

Gemmell. The Gilbert Winter Library, which was started by a gift of books from the Minneapolis Woman's Club, is maintained by the Gemmell Improvement Club. It is free to school children, and to all others a yearly fee of twenty-five cents is charged.

Grand Meadow. The Civic League gave a community banquet and raised \$215.50 for the benefit of the school library which was destroyed by fire a year ago. The League also maintains a pay shelf at the public library which is now located in the opera house, and is growing in popularity.

Hendrum. A public library of about 300 v. has been started in Hendrum.

Hibbing. The new public library is nearing completion and will be opened late in September.

Keewatin. A new children's room is being fitted up and will be ready for use when school opens. During the summer a vacation reading club with printed lists kept the children interested. Two new deposits at mines will be started in the fall and the branch at a location school will be continued.

Kenyon. Miss Haven spent several days in Kenyon early in the summer to assist in cataloging the library.

Lake City. The city council has applied to the Carnegie Corporation for \$10,000 to erect a library building on a site donated to the city by the late Charles Tryon.

Little Falls. For the first time in its history, the library has been open every weekday during the summer months. Some necessary repairs have been made on the building, for which a special appropriation was made by the council.

Madison. A library booster meeting was held August 21-22, to which librarians from neighboring towns were invited. The program included talks by members of the library board, by two former librarians, Mrs. Akre and Mrs. Davidson, and by Miss Amy Cowley, who represented the Commission. An auto ride to Lac qui Parle and places of historic interest in the county was given, and the meeting closed with a banquet at Hotel Lac qui Parle.

Mankato. An exhibit of amateur kodak work was held in June.

Minneapolis. Miniature aeroplanes, submarines, telegraph outfits and models of war devices will be much in evidence at the How-to-make-things exhibition in the children's department, September 19-22.

New Ulm. The High School library was open to the public one afternoon in the week during the summer.

St. Cloud. A flag with steel flag staff was presented to the library by the Ladies' Reading Room Society. The flag raising took place on the morning of July 4th with appropriate speeches and singing of the Star Spangled Banner.

Sauk Center. The library lawn has been improved this summer following out a landscape scheme which includes the entire block in which two school buildings as well as the library are located.

Shakopee. The public library was open at the high school one afternoon each week during the summer.

Sleepy Eye. The Dyckman Free Library has been presented with a large American flag by the Woman's Club. A neat little showcase in the library contains a number of belongings of old Chief Sleepy Eye, which were presented by Hans Mo.

Virginia. The branch library which has been located in the Mohami Club has been transferred to the North Side school, where it was open three days a week through the summer, but during the school year will be open five days and two nights each week.

The furnishing of the men's club room has been completed.

Waterville. Although the library tax was defeated at the spring election, the library will be continued by means of monthly subscriptions from each family in town.